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## FCC ANNOUNCES A TRIBAL WORKSHOP HOSTED BY THE LUMMI NATION July 12-13, 2023

Silver Reef Casino Resort, 4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale WA 98248

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announces an upcoming in-person workshop for Tribal governments, Tribal employees, and Tribal members. This event is designed to provide information that will help Tribal Nations identify and evaluate opportunities to develop more robust broadband infrastructure and services in Tribal communities. It is also designed to provide information about FCC policies and programs to address the lack of adequate communications services on Tribal lands nationwide.

FCC staff will provide presentations on a broad range of important FCC initiatives that support the deployment of communications infrastructure and services in Tribal communities (e.g., Broadband Data Collection, Affordable Connectivity Program, Universal Service Fund Schools and Libraries Program). Such infrastructure supports Tribal economic development, Tribal schools and libraries, and low-income families, as well as public safety departments, and Tribal government administration. The workshop will also provide an overview and update from the FCC's Native Nations Communications Task Force (NNCTF) regarding their work and will highlight issues related to infrastructure deployment on Tribal lands. In addition to workshop training sessions, the event will include a listening session inviting Tribal comment on current FCC initiatives to promote equal access to broadband and eliminate digital discrimination.

Tribal government leaders, Tribal IT managers, government and community planners and managers, Tribal enterprise specialists, and representatives of Tribal social service agencies, schools, and libraries are all persons who should consider attending this event.

The workshop will be held over two days on July 12-13, 2023, at Silver Reef Casino Resort, 4876 Haxton Way (West Haxton Way at Slater Road), Ferndale, WA 98248. Doors and registration will open at 9:30 a.m. PST on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Registration is free.** To register for the workshop, please send your name, title, Tribal affiliation, and contact information, with the subject line "July Workshop" to **tribal.events@fcc.gov.** Questions about the workshop may be directed to the Office of Native

Affairs and Policy: Lloyd Collier, Legal Advisor, <u>lloyd.collier@fcc.gov</u> or Derik Goatson, Legal Advisor, <u>derik.goatson@fcc.gov</u>. Walk-ins can also be accommodated.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request by sending an e-mail to: FCC504@fcc.gov or calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice). Include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Please make your request as early as possible as we may be unable to fulfill last minute requests.

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